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## Cash Awards Offered For Winning Radon Posters

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah students have the opportunity to put their creative talents to work promoting awareness of the risks of indoor radon by participating in the 2014 National Radon Poster Contest, which begins today, August 1. State contest winners will receive cash awards, with the first-place winner receiving \$300 and his/her school/organization receiving \$500. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$100 each.

The Utah Division of Radiation Control's Radon Program is coordinating this year's contest in partnership with Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Children ages 9-14 enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school are eligible to participate. Members of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting organization or an art, computer, science, or 4-H club also are eligible.

There is no entry fee, but only one entry per student is allowed. The entry deadline is: Oct. 3, 2014. Poster contest submission forms, topics and rules may be found online at [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov).

The public is invited to judge this year's state posters by voting online at [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov). Online voting will be held Oct. 9-14, 2014. All posters will be subject to the following judging criteria: content accuracy, visual communication of topic, reproducibility and originality. Utah winners will be entered in the national contest where they may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000. The winning poster will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness. Notification of state and national winners will occur by Dec. 10, 2014.

More information about contest eligibility, indoor radon test kits, and radon contractors is available at [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov), or by calling Utah's Hotline at 1-800-458-0145.

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### About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit [www.deq.utah.gov](http://www.deq.utah.gov), follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.

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